Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 20, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

Sp20-1 was doubly digested with restriction enzymes NheI and EcoRI (both from Takara Bio). The resulting DNA fragment was separated by electrophoresis on 1% low melting point agarose gel, and then extracted and purified. The purified DNA fragment and pCold08 digested with NheI and EcoRI were mixed and ligated together using DNA Ligation Kit (Takara Bio). The ligation reaction mixture was used to transform *Escherichia coli* JM109 and the transformants were grown on LB agar media containing ampicillin. Plasmids were prepared from the resulting colonies, and subjected to DNA sequencing. A plasmid into which the PCR product had been properly inserted was selected and designated as pCold08s2. In pCold08s2, a nucleotide sequence 5'-GAGCGGATAACAATTTCACA-3' (SEQ ID NO:10 ~~NO:11~~) is inserted between +120 and +121 in the 5'-UTR of pCold08NC2 (SEQ ID NO:5). The transcription initiation site in the *lac* operator is defined as +1. This position corresponds to the position between nucleotide 597 and nucleotide 598 of the nucleotide sequence of the *cspA* gene as shown in SEQ ID NO:1. The nucleotide sequence of the 5'-UTR contained in pCold08s2 is shown in SEQ ID NO:2.